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In re Application of  
Liu and Fung  
Application No.: 09/858,334  
Filed: May 15, 2001  
Attorney Docket No:NSO-009.01  
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ACCENT  
CLASSIFICATION AND ADAPTATION

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: DECISION ACCORDING  
: RULE 47(a) STATUS  
: AND DECISION ON  
: PETITION UNDER  
: 37 CFR 1.137(b)

This is in response to the renewed petitions under 37 CFR 1.47(a) and 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed February 4, 2005 (certificate of mailing dated February 2, 2005.)

The renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

The renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

The above-cited application was filed on May 15, 2001, without a properly executed declaration. On July 16, 2001, the Office of Initial Patent Examination mailed a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application requiring a properly executed oath or declaration and surcharge for the late filing of the same. No response was received within the allowable period and the application became abandoned on September 17, 2001. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on October 23, 2003.

**TREATMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)**

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

Petitioner has shown that inventor Fung cannot be located to join the prosecution of the above-identified application after having been presented with the application papers. The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the addresses given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

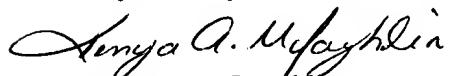
**TREATMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

The subject application is accorded status under 37 CFR 1.47(a) relative to inventor Fung. A declaration bearing the signature of inventor Liu was filed on February 4, 2005. The requirements of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application have been satisfied. The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is granted, accordingly.

The Change of Correspondence Address and Docket Number, filed April 27, 2004, is noted and made of record.

This application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3222.



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